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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the claims fees and prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application (filed herewith under 35 U.S.C. §371, based on PCT/GB/00/00496), please amend this application as follows.

In the claims:

Kindly DELETE claims 88-90 without prejudice.

Kindly AMEND claims 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 20, 22, 23, 32, 34, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 54, 55, 56, 61, 67, 68, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85 and 86 as follows:

3. (AMENDED) An optical spectrum analyser according to claim 1 in which the said means is operable to apply a variable axial force to one or each of the first and second sections of fibre.

4. (AMENDED) An optical spectrum analyser according to claim 1 in which the optical spectrum analyser is for use with a multi-channel optical system, the channels being substantially